

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Award of Contract: Parking
Improvements – Fleet Services

ITEM NO.: 9.D.

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MEETING: August 22, 2006
June 20, 2006
ACTION DATE: August 22, 2006
INFORMATION ONLY: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve the award of a contract in the amount of \$858,625.00 to Espina Stone Company of 8550 Lee Highway, Suite 710, Fairfax, Virginia, to improve and upgrade the joint use vehicle storage and parking lot at Fleet Services.

1. The joint use vehicle storage/parking area at Fleet Services is a large gravel lot with several small areas of deteriorating asphalt patches connected with a small asphalt service road. The entire county vehicle fleet including the Sheriff's Department, Public Services, Fire, Rescue, Utilities Department, Parks & Recreation and Stafford County Public Schools utilizes the storage/parking area. A fueling station and vehicle maintenance operations are also housed at Fleet Services. The size and type of vehicles utilizing the lot varies but includes large support vehicles and buses. Maintenance requests to repair the gravel lot have increased in frequency since 2002. In 2003, staff programmed a repair project to repair the lot base coarse and asphalt the storage/parking lot.
2. In July 2004, staff contracted with PHR&A, one of SCPS's open-ended A/E civil engineering firms, to design the repair project. Design was completed in December 2005.
3. Staff, in conjunction with Feet Services, scheduled the work to start in early September 2006. This construction start date will not disrupt the planned summer vehicle maintenance schedule and will also allow for many of the buses that use this lot for summer parking to be dispersed to other locations during the start of the 2006-2007 school year. The project completion date is scheduled for late October 2006.
4. On April 12, 2006, the project was advertised through the Stafford County Purchasing Department. On May 2, 2006, a pre-bid conference was held. Nine (9) contractors either attended or requested a bid package. On June 29, 2006 bids were opened. Three (3) bidders submitted full scope bids. Espino Stone Company of Fairfax Virginia is the apparent responsive and responsible low bidder with a bid price of \$858,625.00. Staff has reviewed the bid, checked references and feel confident the bidder is qualified.

5. This project is being jointly funded between the County (50%) and SCPS (50%). Staff has requested 50% of the total project funding (construction and design) from the County (\$441.5K) and received correspondence back from County Budget Office that they are committed to funding their portion. County funding will be transferred no later than early September 2006. SCPS 50% is identified in the FY06-11 CIP and was included in the FY06 Spring VPSA Bond Sale (\$450K). Total project funding includes design and construction cost (design cost - \$24.5K; construction cost - \$858.6K; total project cost \$883.1K).

6. If approved by the School Board staff plans to award the contract and issue a notice to proceed in August 2006. Construction is planned to start in early September 2006 and be completed in mid October 2006.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: #5 – Provide facilities that promote student learning and and community support.

#7 – Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn.

FUNDING SOURCE: VPSA – Parking Improvements and County Funding

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: Stafford County School Board Policy 4-12
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